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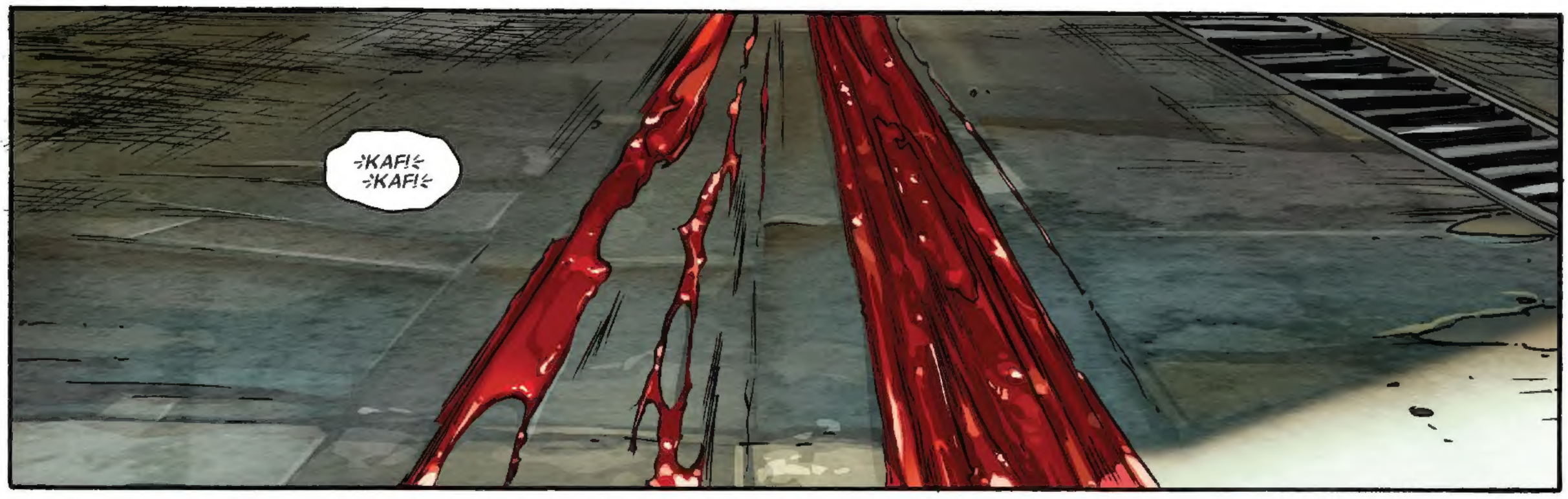
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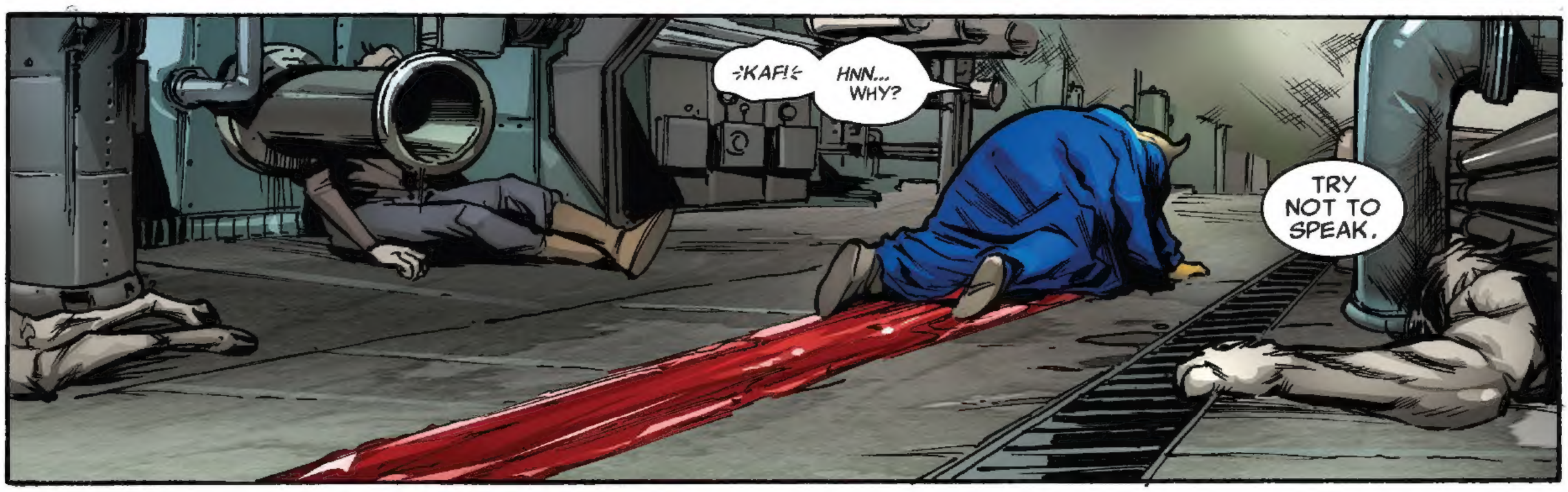
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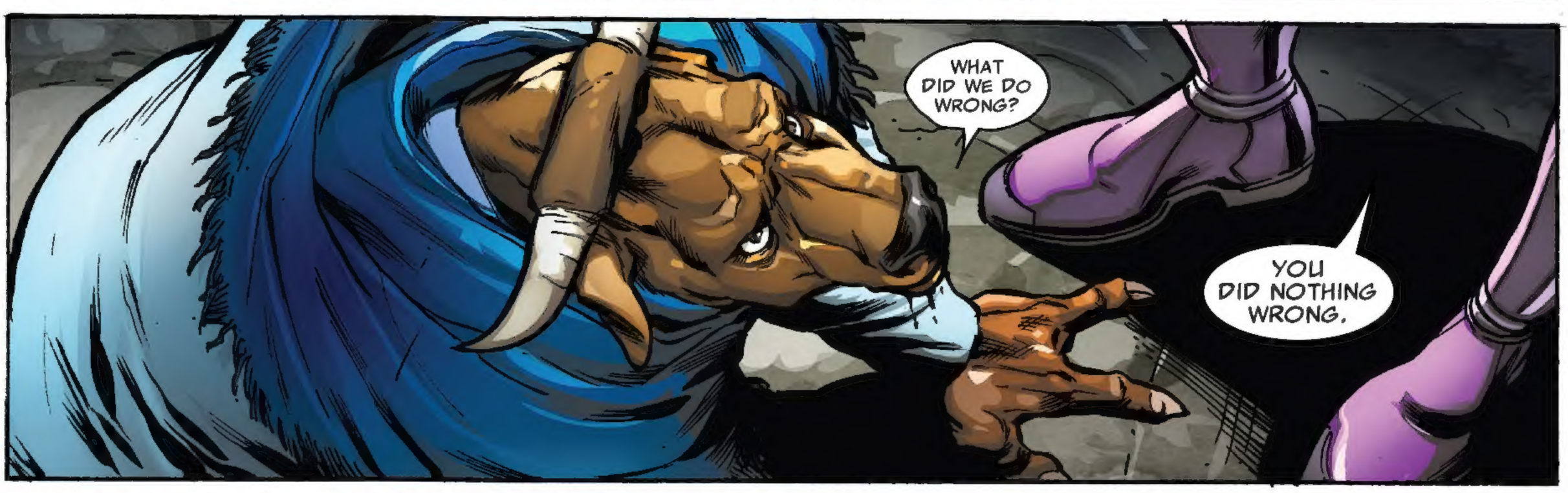
HNN... WHY?
TRY NOT TO SPEAK.

WHY ARE YOU--KAF! WHY ARE YOU KILLING US?
SO THAT HUMANITY CAN SURVIVE.


WHAT DID WE DO WRONG?
YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.

BUT YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE.
AND JUDGMENT COMES EVEN FOR THE INNOCENT.

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NEW WARRIORS

WARRIORS... GET YOUR WAR ON!

NEW SALEM, COLORADO.

ROBBIE BALDWIN, A.K.A. SPEEDBALL.

SUPER-HUMAN. KINETIC ENERGY ABSORPTION AND REDIRECTION.

WAR IT UP!

SIGN THE WAR-SAW TREATY!

COME ON, TEAM... WE'RE IN THE WAR ZONE!

VANCE ASTROVIK, A.K.A. JUSTICE.

MUTANT. TELEKINESIS.

ROBBIE, WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY?! IT'S JUST US!

FOR NOW! AND DON'T FORGET KID NOVA!

SPEAKING OF, WHERE IS-- WHOA!

WHAM!

THIS IS OVER!

SALEM'S SEVEN! TAKE THEM. I'VE GOT THIS.

VERTIGO... I--

--CAN'T STAND...I'M GOING TO BE SICK...

SICK IS THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES, MISTER.

NO... NO.

WHM!

UHN!

WAA!

AAAH!

SSS!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED NEW SALEM!

HEY! HEY! LET GO! VANCE!

WHAT? WE WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH! YOU ATTACKED *US!*

WE'RE THE GUARDIANS OF THIS TOWN, IT'S OUR JOB TO DEFEND IT! IT WAS THE KID WITH THE BALLS THAT ATTACKED BRUTACUS!

ROBBIE...

I...THAT'S NOT...YOU WERE IN THE 7-11 AND THINGS...

DID YOU SEE HIM, THOUGH?! HE'S ALL BIG AND FANGY AND... AND...

LOOK, MISTAKES WERE MADE!

MAZATLAN, MEXICO.

"KAINE!

"WAIT UP!"

THERE WAS A GIFT SHOP BACK THERE!

WE'RE NOT TOURISTS, *ARACELY*. WE'RE HERE FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES, THEN WE'RE GONE.

WELL, WE NEED MORE FOOD BECAUSE I ATE THE FOOD.

I SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU IN HOUSTON.

THAT HURTS.

GOOD!

NO...IN THE ALLEY. I CAN FEEL HER...SHE'S HURT...

‹PLEASE... JUST... JUST...›

‹PLEASE DON'T HURT US...›

THEY'RE BEING *ROBBED!* WE HAVE TO HELP!

NO, WE DON'T.

THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.

BUT...BUT YOU'RE A *HERO!*

...

TOMMY!

UHN!

‹YOUR BANK CARD! GIVE ME THE P.I.N. NUMBERS!›

‹TELL US. OR YOU GET HURT WORSE THAN HIM.›

PLEASE... PLEASE, SOMEBODY--

‹NO ONE IS COMING TO HELP YOU.›

BUENO IDIOTAS...

QUE--?

DIOS...

NO. MORE LIKE THE OPPOSITE.

KAINE, A.K.A. **SCARLET SPIDER.**

CLONE. PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. GENERATES WEBS, STINGERS AND CAN ADHERE TO ANY SURFACE.

<KILL HIM!>

BLAM BLAM BLAM!

SHUK!

YEARGHH!

AAAAHHH!

SSSS...

<NO...NO...STAY BACK! STAY BACK OR I'LL CUT HER!>

YOU SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF HIM.

YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID OF ME.

ARACELY PENALBA, A.K.A. **HUMMINGBIRD.**

DEMIGOD. MANIPULATION OF EMOTIONS, LEVITATION.

AAAAAHHH!

WHAT'D YOU MAKE HIM FEEL?

FEAR OF SPIDERS.

FUNNY.

THAT. WAS TOTALLY. AWESOME!

DID YOU SEE THAT?! WE'RE TOTALLY SUPER HEROES! YOU CAN DO THIS, YOU LOVE IT, YOU--

THANK YOU, YOU SAVED--

WHAT THE HELL IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?! DO YOU WANT TO GET KILLED?! STAY THE @#$% OUT OF MEXICO!

<SIGH>

NEW YORK CITY.

SKRREEEE!

SELAH BURKE, A.K.A. **SUN GIRL.**

HUMAN. POSSESSES LIGHT-GENERATING TECHNOLOGY THAT ENABLES FLIGHT, OFFENSIVE LASERS.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE...

...I'M GLAD YOU RAN!

ZARK! ZARK!

ZARK!

WHOA!

AAAH!

HI THERE. YOU OKAY?

HNN. WRIST... BROKEN...

WELL, YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE YOU ROBBED AN ARMORED CAR, TOUGH GUY.

THIS IS NEW YORK!

NEXT TIME, TRY BOSTON!

...IIII-I-II JUST WANT TO GO OUTSIDE...

--ATTENTION ALL UNITS, CANCEL PURSUIT OF BLACK VAN, SUBJECTS WERE DETAINED BY SUN GIRL--

<KSSHK>

--BE ADVISED, SPIDER-MAN SIGHTED AT--

UGH! JERK!

<KSSHK>

--DISTURBANCE IN THE SUBWAY TUNNELS, GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL--

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL?

THAT'S--

BOOM!

NEW SALEM.

"--RIGHT HERE."

OH, NO! NO! THAT COULDN'T HAVE JUST HAPPENED, COULD IT?! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GOAL LIKE THAT?!

THESE CONTROLLERS ARE TOO SMALL.

SURE THEY ARE, BRU. SURE THEY ARE.

YOU LOOK CONFUSED, VERTIGO.

TWENTY MINUTES AGO, ***BRUTACUS*** WAS GOING TO KILL HIM.

YEAH, ROBBIE'S A PEOPLE PERSON.

COME ON. I'LL GIVE YOU THE TOUR.

ACCORDING TO THE AVENGERS' FILES, NEW SALEM WAS A TOWN OF MAGICIANS, RIGHT? AND SALEM'S SEVEN, THEY WERE... UM...

CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL.

YEAH. THAT.

WE'RE TRYING TO CHANGE. WE'RE TRYING TO BE BETTER.

DID THAT GIRL HAVE WINGS?

YEAH.

THIS TOWN, NEW SALEM... WE'VE MADE IT INTO A SAFE HAVEN FOR PEOPLE BORN OF MAGIC.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY OF US THERE ARE. DR. STRANGE OCCASIONALLY SENDS PEOPLE OUR WAY.

SALEM'S SEVEN PROTECTS THEM.

SALE

WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU REALLY RE-FORMING THE NEW WARRIORS?

HERE.

THANKS.

YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WARRIORS?

EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

LET ME GUESS...NOT FOR ALL THE GOOD WE DID, OR THAT WE SAVED THE WORLD A FEW TIMES...

YOU BLEW UP THAT TOWN.*

*SEE CIVIL WAR #1
--SANA.

NO MATTER HOW HARD WE TRY, OUR NAME IS SYNONYMOUS WITH STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.

AND IN A WORLD WITH THE AVENGERS, I'M NOT SURE THERE'S A PLACE FOR US.

YEAH, PROBABLY NOT.

BUT YOU MAY NOT BE TALKING TO THE BEST PERSON ABOUT IT. I *AM* THE DAUGHTER OF THE DEVIL, AFTER ALL.

YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING GOOD HERE. YOU'RE MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS, AND--

WHAT THE--

--HELL?!

HALF-BREED. MUTANT.

THE BLOOD HERE IS TAINTED.

BURN THEM ALL.

"THIS IS HORRIBLE.

HOW CAN YOU BE HAPPY LIKE THIS?

SITTING ON A BEACH, WATCHING A SUNSET AND DRINKING A MARGARITA. YEAH. I'M CRAZY.

YOU DON'T WANT THIS, I CAN HEAR IT IN YOUR THOUGHTS.

STOP READING MY MIND.

STOP THINKING SUCH STUPID THINGS.

ALL MY LIFE, I WAS DYING. I WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE, AND I'M NOT GOING TO THROW IT AWAY AGAIN.

I TRIED THE HERO THING IN HOUSTON, AND NEARLY GOT EVERYONE I CARED ABOUT KILLED.

SO NO MORE. I'M STICKING WITH THE PLAN.

FEET IN THE SAND, DRINK IN HAND.

BUT IT'S SO ***BORING***. WE'VE GOT THESE POWERS! WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY--

THAT'S SPIDER-MAN, NOT ME.

I'M HIS ***CLONE***. ***ALL*** THE POWER... ***NONE*** OF THE RESPONSIBILITY.

...

MAN, THE WATER REALLY PICKS UP THE LIGHT.

IT'S NOT THE LIGHT MAKING IT RED.

DIOS, TEN PIEDAD...

THEY'RE BODIES...

THESE PEOPLE, WHAT HAPPENED?

DON'T KNOW...

...BUT I'M NOT SO SURE THESE ARE *PEOPLE.*

SURFACE DWELLERS!

I AM FAIRA SAR NAMORA OF ATLANTIS...

...AND I SEEK *HEROES.*

HEY...HEY! WHAT HAPPENED DOWN THERE?!

TRAIN DERAILED...SOME KIND OF EXPLOSION, THE WHOLE PLACE COLLAPSED...

ARE THERE STILL PEOPLE DOWN THERE?

KAF!
KAFF!
I DON'T KNOW!

GO! GET CLEAR OF THE TERMINAL, AMBULANCES ARE ON THE WAY.

I'LL CHECK FOR--

OH, DAMN.

SHAKE IT OFF, SELAH...

WHAT WOULD A SUPER HERO DO?

HELLO?!
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?!
HELP IS COMING, JUST HANG--
SHRACK!
--ON.
I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

GET OFF ME!

YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME, XANDARIAN PAWN?

THANOS' POWER WILL BE MINE! WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY, I WILL TAKE BOTH EARTH AND WRAITHWORLD AND--

STOP TALKING!

PLEASE! IT'S JUST...YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME THROW UP.

I'M SORRY, YOU'RE JUST REALLY GROSS.

SAM ALEXANDER, A.K.A. **NOVA.**

HUMAN ROCKET, GRAVIMETRIC ABILITIES.

GROSS, LIKE YOU MAKE THE CHITAURI LOOK GOOD.

NYEARGH!

CHOOM!

...WHY? WHY ARE YOU HURTING ME?

WHOA, I'M SORRY... I JUST...ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S JUST, YOU WERE A BIG GROSS ALIEN MONSTER A SECOND AGO, AND THEN--

YOU FOOL...

DIE.

WAAAHH!

SHRACK!

?

WHAT THE HECK--??

THE BLOOD IS TAINTED.

BURN IT ALL.

NO, SAM ALEXANDER.

HEY, UH... THANKS?

MY NAME IS NOVA, ARE YOU GUYS... I DON'T KNOW, ROBOTS OR SOMETHING?

AAAHHH--

KA-THOOM!

THEY ARE THE *EVOLUTIONARIES*, AND THEY ARE THE SALVATION OF THE HUMAN RACE.

WE HAVE THE ALIEN HYBRID.

OH, WE HAVE MUCH MORE THAN THAT, MY FRIEND.

WE HAVE A *NOVA*.

TWO

NEW YORK CITY.

...I REALLY WANT TO GO OUT...

...YOU REALLY WANT TO HOLE UP...

...YOU WANT TO STAY INSIDE...

...AND SLEEP THE NIGHT AWAY.

MOMMM!

I'M ALMOST DONE, JUST WAIT--

MOMMY, THAT MAN HAS A HORN!

SHOOM!

UHN!

SKREEEE

RUUU!

AHHHH!

AHHHH!

CHARLIE!

I'VE GOT YOU! HANG ON!

UHNN...

WHAT HAPPENED...

OH MY GOD... LOOK...IT'S A MUTANT...

AN *INHUMAN*... HE DID THIS...

NO...I DIDN'T...

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS TO... TO...

...WHAT THE HELL?

NYEEEAAH!

ZARK! ZARK!

...

HOLY CRAP.

NEW SALEM, COLORADO.

VERTIGO, MOVE!

YOU...EVERYONE AROUND YOU...YOUR ESSENCE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY MAGIC. UNPURE FILTH...A THREAT TO HUMANITY.

YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED.

UHN!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING, JUSTICE?!

NO IDEA...

...BUT I'M GOING WITH "BAD GUYS."

SHRACK!

THE TELEKINETIC... THE STENCH OF HIM...HE IS A MUTANT.

WE SOUGHT TO PROTECT YOU ONCE, MUTANT. BUT YOUR LEADERS, THE X-MEN...THEY BETRAYED US...

BUT NOW YOU WILL BURN WITH THE REST OF--

GET YOUR WAR-- WAIT.

I ALREADY DID THAT ONE.

FWANG!

ME AND THE GUYS WOULD HAVE TAKEN A BREAK SOONER IF WE KNEW THERE WAS FIGHTING!

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?

SPEEDBALL... THEY'RE AFTER MAGICAL BEINGS... AND MUTANTS...

WAIT, WHAT AM I AGAIN?

JUST KEEP THE OTHERS BACK!

YOU THREATEN OUR PEOPLE?!

THESE ARE NOT THREATS.

IT IS THE WILL OF THE GODS.

SHRACK!

AAAAHHHHH!

BRUTACUS!

ROBBIE, NO!

THIS ONE IS ALTERED BY AN OTHER-DIMENSIONAL ENERGY...A "SUPER-HUMAN."

ZARK!

ZARK!

UNHN!

AAAIEE!

OUR LORD WAS RIGHT. TRULY, THERE IS NO END TO THE CORRUPTION.

WE WILL BRING HIM THE GENE SAMPLE HE REQUESTED, BUT THIS TOWN WILL BURN TO THE GROUND.

THOK!

HNN!

GET OFF HIM!

AWOW!

DUDE. IF YOU EVER GET TIRED OF THE NAME "JUSTICE," I THINK YOU SHOULD GO WITH "UGLY STICK."

WHAT... WHAT IS IT?

I...I DON'T KNOW...

YOU MOCK ME?

WE WERE CHOSEN TO SAVE YOUR SPECIES.

BUT LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE BECOME!

YOU *DESERVE* THIS!

WE... WE DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHO ARE YOU?

YOU WERE CHOSEN BY *WHO?* WILL YOU PLEASE JUST TALK TO US?

THERE IS NO POINT. JUDGMENT IS COMING.

COME, MY BROTHERS. WE HAVE WHAT HE NEEDS.

THESE CREATURES WILL ALL BURN SOON ENOUGH.

WELL, THAT WAS HORRIBLE. ANY IDEAS?

...BUT JUST FOR MAGIC PEOPLE AND MUTANTS, THOUGH, RIGHT? AM I COOL?

ONLY THAT WHEN PEOPLE SAY "JUDGMENT IS COMING," IT'S USUALLY BAD.

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN COOL.

BURN.

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HEROES TO FIGHT?

MEXICO.

WELL, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK.

CHOK!

HN!

BECAUSE YOU GOT *ME.*

AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

WHAM!

HSSSS...

HK!
YOU!
KRACK!
UHN!
MAY NOT!
UT!
EVER!
AAH!
TOUCH ME!
ARE YOU LISTENING, AIR-BREATHER?
BECAUSE IT WAS THE LAST THING YOU WILL EVER HEAR.

IT'S OKAY TO BE SCARED.

!

LET GO OF THE AIR-BREATHER AND RUN AWAY.

NNNAAAA!

HNFFF!

DO NOT TOUCH ME!

DO NOT TOUCH ME!

WHAT ARE YOU?!

US? WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS.

BUT NOT SO GOOD WE'RE GOING TO LET YOU LIVE.

DAMN.

LET HER GO.

SHE DIDN'T KILL THEM.

THE CHILD...THE *DEMON*...

EXCUSE ME?!

...SHE IS RIGHT.

I AM ***FAIRA SAR NAMORA*** OF ATLANTIS...AND I DID ***NOT*** KILL THESE PEOPLE.

"I HAD TRAVELED TO LEMURIA IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE, WHEN THE CITY WAS ATTACKED BY DEVIANT FORCES.

"BUT THEN AMIDST THE BATTLE...SOMETHING HAPPENED. AND A NEW ENEMY APPEARED WHO DID NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ATLANTEAN AND DEVIANT.

"IT SLAUGHTERED *EVERYONE.*"

THAT'S HORRIBLE!

I UNDERSTOOD ABOUT HALF OF EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID, LADY.

I CAME TO THE SURFACE SEEKING *HEROES* WHEN YOU ATTACKED ME.

WELL, TO BE FAIR, YOU DID LOOK REALLY MEAN.

LEMURIA REQUIRES YOUR AID!

WELL, "LEMURIA" CAN GO @#$% ITSELF. WE'RE NOT HEROES, AND WE'RE NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN ANY MORE OF THIS--

UNPURE!

ATLANTEAN. DEMIGOD. CLONE.

TAKE THEM ALL.

--CRAP.

AVENGERS TOWER.
NEW YORK CITY.

BOOM!

I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO BARF.

WIMP.

SINCE WHEN CAN YOU GO THAT FAST?! AND THAT HIGH?!

WHO SAYS I COULDN'T ALWAYS?

WELCOME, MISTER ASTROVIK... MISTER BALDWIN.

...HOW CAN THE AVENGERS BE OF SERVICE?

REALLY? NO ONE IS HOME?

IT'S AN AVENGERS WORLD NOW, I'M AFRAID.

THINGS HAVE BEEN... BUSY.

PFFT. WE'VE BEEN BUSY, TOO. YOU KNOW... WITH STUFF.

IT'S ALRIGHT, JARVIS...

...WE JUST NEED TO ACCESS THE AVENGERS' DATABASE.

YOU STILL SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE X-MEN, RIGHT?

KEYWORDS ACCEPTED. ACCESSING FILE 1022022173.

THIS IS CYCLOPS. THE NATION OF UTOPIA WAS ATTACKED BY MULTIPLE ENTITIES CALLING THEMSELVES THE EVOLUTIONARIES.

THEY FULLY INTENDED TO CAUSE THE EXTINCTION OF HUMANITY.

"THE EVOLUTIONARIES WERE THERE AT THE DAWN OF MAN, PROTECTING THEM FROM MANKIND'S SAVAGE ANCESTORS.

"THEY WERE CREATED BY ONE OF THE ETERNALS WHO APPARENTLY TOOK PITY ON HUMANITY...

"...THE BLACKSMITH KNOWN AS PHASTOS. HE GAVE A NUMBER OF THESE AGGRESSIVE PRE-HOMO SAPIENS ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE, ARMOR, AND UNEARTHLY POWER.

"THE X-MEN ENCOUNTERED THEM EARLY IN OUR CAREERS... AND THEN AGAIN YESTERDAY.

"THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED EVERY SINGLE HUMAN ON THE PLANET, ALL IN THE NAME OF PROTECTING HOMO SUPERIOR WHO THEY SAW AS MAN'S EVOLUTIONARY SUCCESSORS."

ONE OF THEM SURVIVED THE ENCOUNTER.

IF ENCOUNTERED, THE EVOLUTIONARIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN EXTINCTION LEVEL THREAT.

GEEZ, MUTANTS ARE GRIM.

I'M A MUTANT, ROBBIE.

SEE?

YOU KNOW WHO WAS A MUTANT AND NOT GRIM?

FIREST--

STOP. THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

IF THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING MUTANTKIND, THEN WHY ATTACK ME?

YOU'VE GOT THAT KIND OF FACE.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

EXPLOSION REPORTED, 7TH AVENUE SUBWAY TERMINAL.

SOMEONE SHOULD HANDLE THAT.

THERE'S NO AVENGERS HERE.

FANTASTIC FOUR?

I THINK THEY'RE IN SPACE.

THINK YOU CAN ACT LIKE AN AVENGER FOR A DAY?

NOPE.

LIKE A WARRIOR.

ALL RIGHT...THIS... KAF

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE BEFORE I START ACTUALLY KAF! FIGHTING FOR REAL HERE.

STEP AWAY FROM THE WEIRD SEWER PEOPLE.

PLEASE, STOP THIS.

WE ONLY SEEK TO HELP YOU.

WAIT, WHAT?

THAT SEEMS LIKE THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.

WE DID NOT INITIALLY REALIZE... YOU ARE *HUMAN.*

WE SEEK TO PROTECT YOU FROM THREATS SUCH AS THESE MUTANTS.

UH. YEAH, OKAY. HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT ME FROM MUTANTS?

BY KILLING THEM.

I'M GOING TO DIE.

OKAY. YOU WANT TO PROTECT ME BY KILLING A WHOLE BUNCH OF INNOCENT PEOPLE?

ZARK!

THEN PROTECT THIS!

ANYTHING NOT HUMAN... RUN!

ZARK!

UHN!

THE MUTANTS ARE FLEEING.

SH■ GIVES US NO CHOICE.

GET BEHIND ME!

KILL HER.

NO!

OHMIGOD OHMIGOD OHMIGOD...

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, YOU... YOU...

ARE...ARE YOU *EATING* THEIR ENERGY BLAST?

I JUST...I JUST *KNEW* I COULD STOP IT...

I COULD FEEL IT.

ARE YOU A MUTANT?

NO, I'M--

INHUMAN!

INHUMAN! INHUMAN!

KILL IT!

BEFORE WE DIE, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MARK.

I'M SUN GIRL...I MEAN...SELAH. MY NAME IS SELAH.

THANKS FOR TRYING TO SAVE ME, MARK.

CRASH!

HEY! IT'S OUR BUDDIES!

READY FOR ROUND TWO, APE MEN?!

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

THERE ARE TOO MANY TARGETS. THIS WAS NOT THE DIRECTIVE. WE MUST SEEK GUIDANCE.

STOP THEM, BEFORE THEY--

--GO.

FWASH!

ARE YOU TWO ALL RIGHT?

...

HELLO? ARE YOU NON-TALKING?

SHE TALKS. I HEARD HER--

THE HELL WAS THAT?!

WHO WERE THEY? WHO ARE YOU?

EESH.

HNN...

MOM? MOM, IS THAT...?

...YOU?

WAAAHHH!

CALM YOURSELF, SAM ALEXANDER.

HELLO?

WHO'S THERE? WHERE AM I?

YOU ARE WITHIN WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN, MISTER ALEXANDER.

AND I AM THE *HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.*

OKAY, YEAH. THAT'S GREAT.

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I AM PREPARING FOR THE CLEANSING.

...YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER?

NOT QUITE. I AM PREPARING FOR JUDGMENT.

YOU'RE NOT BIG ON MAKING SENSE, ARE YOU? JUDGMENT, LIKE JUDGE JUDY?

NO, SAM ALEXANDER.

THE GODS ARE RETURNING TO JUDGE THEIR CREATIONS. THE CELESTIALS ARE RETURNING...

...AND YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY HOPE FOR HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL.

THREE

THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED EXPERIMENTERS... ANALYZERS... PROBERS AND TESTERS.

THEY WERE WORSHIPPED AND FEARED AS *SPACE GODS*, BUT THEY HAVE ANOTHER NAME.

CELESTIALS.

THEY CAME TO EARTH WHEN MAN WAS BUT A BEAST.

FOR REASONS KNOWN ONLY TO THEM, THEY TRANSFORMED THOSE CREATURES INTO THREE RACES...

HUMAN. ETERNAL. DEVIANT.

THE CELESTIALS LEFT, AND EARTH BECAME A WORLD OF MEN, ANGELS AND DEMONS.

AND WHILE THE ETERNALS AND DEVIANTS WAGED A GREAT WAR AGAINST ONE ANOTHER...

...MANKIND BEGAN TO EVOLVE.

THE CELESTIALS LAID THE SEED FOR BEAST TO TRANSFORM... INTO SOMETHING WONDERFUL.

BUT THROUGH FOLLY, SEDUCTION AND MADNESS, THE EVOLUTION OF MAN STRAYED OFF THE CELESTIAL PATH.

RADIATION GAVE THE EARTH SELF-STYLED SUPERHUMANS.

A GENETIC ANOMALY BROUGHT THE DAWN OF A DESTRUCTIVE *MUTANTKIND*.

AN EXPERIMENT TRANSFORMED HUMAN INTO SOMETHING *INHUMAN*.

A WARLIKE SUBSPECIES KNOWN AS ATLANTEANS TOOK ROOT IN THE DARKNESS UNDER THE SEAS.

MAD SCIENTISTS TOOK HUMAN DNA AND CLONED IT, CREATING ABERRATIONS.

MANKIND WAS PREYED UPON BY THREATS BOTH MAGICAL...

...AND ALIEN. HYBRIDS WERE SPAWNED, FURTHER DILUTING THE *CELESTIAL* PLAN.

THIS WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE.

WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN.

MY NAME IS *HERBERT EDGAR WYNDHAM*...BUT I AM BETTER KNOWN AS THE *HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.*

I MYSELF BECAME PART OF *THE PROBLEM*... I CREATED A RACE OF NEW MEN, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS COMING.

JUDGMENT.

THE CELESTIALS ARE RETURNING, *SAM ALEXANDER.*

THE FINAL HOST...JUDGES, AND EXECUTIONERS.

IF IT IS TO SURVIVE, HUMANITY MUST BE MADE *PURE.*

ALL RIGHT...I THINK I'VE GOT IT.

YOU'RE LIKE A SPACE NAZI OR SOMETHING.

YOU KNOW NOT OF WHAT YOU SPEAK, CHILD.

I'VE WAGED THIS EVOLUTIONARY WAR BEFORE, SEEKING TO BETTER MANKIND... I CREATED A MACHINE TO EVOLVE HUMANITY.

BUT NOW I SEE THAT *HUMANITY* IS NOT THE PROBLEM.

IT WAS EVERYTHING ELSE.

THE MACHINE I ONCE USED TO *EVOLVE* HUMANITY, I HAVE...MODIFIED. ONCE UNLEASHED, IT WILL END THE CORRUPTED LINES OF MAN. THE WORLDMIND WITHIN YOUR HELMENT WILL GIVE ME THE PRECISION I NEED TO--

WHOA. OKAY, HOLD UP. CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

YES.

IS YOUR NAME REALLY HERBERT?

FWASH!

LORD HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? YOU WERE TO RETURN WITH GENE SAMPLES FROM LEMURIA, NOT PRISONERS.

YES, MY LORD...BUT THE SITE WAS UNDER ATTACK...BY DEVIANTS. WE SLAUGHTERED AS MANY AS WE COULD...

BUT THE FEMALE ATLANTEAN, SHE SOUGHT OUT ALLIES.

LOOK AT THEM, MY LORD.

THE GIRL... SHE REEKS OF MAGIC. BUT THE OTHER... SPIDER-MAN?

HIS GENES ARE ENGINEERED. HE IS A *CLONE*.

THIS IS NO COINCIDENCE. TAKE SAMPLES THEN CONTAIN THEM, FOR WE HAVE MUCH TO DO.

PREPARE YOURSELVES, EVOLUTIONARIES...

FOR WAR IS COMING.

FREEZE!

NEW YORK CITY.

OFFICER, STAND DOWN. I CAN EXPLAIN, MY NAME IS JUSTICE, I'M AN AVENGER.

WARRIOR.

THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.

YEAH, NO KIDDING! THIS GUY SAVED MY LIFE AND YOU PULL A GUN ON HIM?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?!

WE HAVE MULTIPLE WITNESSES CLAIMING THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY AN ASIAN AMERICAN MALE AND--AND--

HE'S ONE OF THOSE... HE'S AN INHUMAN.

GET YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR!

HE SHOT AT ME!

YEAH, SPIDER-MAN GETS THAT ALL THE TIME.

YOU'RE NOT HELPING, SPEEDBALL.

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

HEY!

WHOOSH!

WE NEED TO GO BACK THERE AND-- AND--

AND WHAT? FIGHT THE POLICE? LET IT GO, SUN GIRL.

I KNOW PEOPLE ARE STILL FREAKED OUT BY THE WHOLE INHUMAN THING, BUT COME ON!

PEOPLE HATE AND FEAR WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT'S ONLY HUMAN.

ARE YOU OKAY...MARK, RIGHT? YOU ALL RIGHT?

"ARE YOU OKAY?"

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE? DO I *LOOK* ALL RIGHT? IF I SAW ME, I'D PROBABLY OPEN FIRE, TOO.

I NEVER ASKED FOR THIS...

NEVER ASKED FOR THIS?! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
THOSE...THOSE THINGS BLASTED YOU, AND YOU JUST TOOK IT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOU, EMBRACE IT!
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
DID YOU REALLY JUST SAY THAT TO ME?
TIME OUT! AWKWARD SENSE TINGLING!
THAT GEAR YOU'VE GOT, YOU CAN TAKE IT OFF. HE CAN'T.
HE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT HE IS!
WHATEVER.
WE KNOW THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE INHUMANS, WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT...
"ROYAL FAMILY?" WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
IT'S COMPLICATED. THERE'S A DOG.
I HEARD THEY'RE ROUNDING INHUMANS UP. THAT THEY'RE *KILLING* THEM.
A DOG'S NOT GOING TO MAKE UP FOR--
MARK!
SHRACK!
NO!

SPIIIIDER-MAAANNNN...

SPIDER-MAN!

HNN...NOT... SPIDER-MAN...

WHAT?! JUST WAKE UP!

WE'RE KIND OF IN TROUBLE HERE.

GOOD MORNING! THIS IS *SAM*. HE'S BEEN TO *SPACE!*

WHAT? HOW DID-- LOOK, SPIDER-MAN, WE HAVE TO--

WHAM! WHAM!

DON'T CALL ME THAT.

WHAT? WHY NOT? BECAUSE YOU CHANGED COSTUMES? WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING?

TRYING TO BURN THROUGH THIS.

YEAH, WELL, IT'S NOT WORKING, SPIDER--

I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN, YOU STUPID KID!

JEEZ, OKAY. WOW.

HE'S SCARLET SPIDER. I'M HUMMINGBIRD. YOU'RE *SAM.*

SHE'S THE *WATER SNAKE.* SHE'S ON A *QUEST!*

LOOK, OKAY, ONE, CAN YOU NOT CALL ME SAM?

WHAM!

SAM. SAM. SAM. SAM.

THIS GUY, THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY. HE'S GOING TO KILL A LOT OF PEOPLE I THINK. I CAN USE MY HELMET--

YOU'RE NOT WEARING A HELMET, IDIOT.

I *KNOW* THAT! IT'S OVER THERE! IF I CAN GET TO IT, I CAN CALL FOR HELP.

HELP IS ON THE WAY. *FAIRA!*

WHAT?!

CAN YOU TALK TO FISH?

LOOK, JUST...WE HAVE TO STOP HIM! IF I CAN GET TO MY HELMET, I CAN CALL FOR... FOR...

WILL YOU JUST DO SOMETHING?!

WILL YOU JUST *SHUT UP?!*

I'M CONCENTRATING.

WELL, THAT'S JUST GREAT. I WISH YOU WERE SPIDER-MAN!

NO YOU DON'T.

WHY?

BECAUSE SPIDER-MAN CAN'T TALK TO SPIDERS.

WHAT?

CHOOM!

GO TO MEXICO. DRINK A MARGARITA. PUT MY FEET IN THE SAND.

WAS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?

THAT IS... DISTURBING.

I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO BARF.

MY HERO!

YOU SHOT HIM!

MARK? BUDDY? YOU OKAY?

YEAH. YOU'RE WELCOME.

I... I...

YEAH. I'M OKAY. I FEEL KIND OF GREAT, ACTUALLY.

THAT WAS TOTALLY OUT OF LINE.

THAT YOU'RE UNHINGED?

WHAT? YOU HAD TO SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

WHATEVER THOSE THINGS WERE, HE *ATE* THEIR ENERGY.

YOU THINK HIM SHOWING UP LIKE THAT WAS A COINCIDENCE? WE NEED HIM IF WE'RE GOING TO GO AFTER THEM!

WE? THERE IS NO WE.

WHAT, YOU'RE NOT GOING?

NO, I-- NO! NONE OF US ARE GOING!

THESE CREATURES ARE A SERIOUS THREAT.

THIS IS... LOOK. WE'LL REPORT ALL THIS TO THE AVENGERS, THEY'RE BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE IT.

YEAH? THEN WHERE WERE THEY? WE CAN STOP THESE THINGS!

AREN'T *YOU* AN AVENGER, ANYWAY?

NO.

HE'S A *WARRIOR.*

WELL, THEN *ACT* LIKE ONE.

WE HAVE TO FIND NOVA.

WILL YOU GET OVER HERE ALREADY?!

MY LEG! PINS AND NEEDLES!

WHO WOULD HURT ALL THESE POOR ANIMAL PEOPLE?

I TOLD YOU, THE *HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!* HE WANTS TO KILL EVERYBODY!

SHRIIP!

BE SILENT! THEY WILL BE COMING FOR US.

HERE YOU GO, KID.

THE NAME IS *NOVA!*

WHATEVER!

AND YEAH, THE HELMET'S PRETTY GREAT.

JUST MAKE YOUR CALL, GET WHOEVER YOU CAN AND--

SCARLET SPIDER.

WE ARE IN TROUBLE.

SSSS...

I MEAN, *IMMEDIATE* TROUBLE, NOT THE GENERAL TROUBLE WE WERE IN BEFORE.

WE'LL BUY YOU SOME TIME! GO!

OH, CRAP.

BUT... BUT...

GO!

ARACELY, STAY HIGH!

RRRAAA!

IT'S HUMMINGBIRD!

AND OKAY!

THUD!

SHRIPP!

AAAH!

UHN!

AAIIE!

RUN.

GET OUT OF HERE, NOVA!

I'LL BE BACK! I PROMISE!

AAIEEE!

CHOOM!

ARACELY!

SHE'S GONE, MAN-SPIDER!

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO DIE FIGHTING, OR MOURNING!

I HAVE FAILED YOU, KYMAERA...

YOU. AN ABOMINATION OF SCIENCE. YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE.

I WILL NOW CORRECT THAT.

NO...

KRAK-KA-BOOM

HEADS UP!

NO!

IDIOT!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO *RUN!* YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GET *HELP!*

I CHANGED MY MIND.

I AM THE HELP.

I'M NOT GOING TO JUST LEAVE YOU GUYS TO DIE!

WHAT KIND OF HERO WOULD DO THAT?!

WHAAM!

THE KIND THAT WOULD SAVE *MILLIONS* OF LIVES INSTEAD OF JUST *THREE.*

WHOA!

WE CAN DO THIS! WE CAN WIN!

NO. WE CAN'T.

SHRAK!

NYEARGHH!

SPIDER-MAN!

NOT... SPIDER-MAN.

SPIDER-MAN WOULD...HAVE BEEN ABLE...TO SAVE...

COME ON... COME ON!

SPIDER-MAAAANN!

FOUR

THE AFAR DEPRESSION, ETHIOPIA.

MONTHS AGO.

HSSSSS

WHAM!

WHO ARE YOU?!

I MIGHT ASK YOU THE SAME THING...

...CREATURE.

I AM AN *EVOLUTIONARY*! I WAS CREATED BY A CHILD OF THE GODS, AND I WILL NOT BE *SUMMONED* BY SOME *SAPIEN*.

SUMMONED? INTERESTING.

I WAS COMPELLED TO COME TO THIS PLACE AS WELL...

DO NOT LIE TO ME! YOU CALLED ME TO THIS PLACE...

...SO LET IT SERVE AS YOUR--!

ENOUGH.

WHO IS THERE? SHOW YOURSELF!

YOU, HERBERT EDGAR WYNDHAM... THE *LORD HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.*

FOR SO LONG YOU HAVE SOUGHT TO EVOLVE HUMANITY ARTIFICIALLY...THIS IS BLASPHEMY.

AND YOU, *EVOLUTIONARY*... YOU SAW MUTANTKIND AS THE FUTURE OF MAN. THIS TOO IS AGAINST THE WILL OF THE GODS.

IF YOU WISH TO SEE THE SURVIVAL OF THOSE THE GODS CREATED...

IF YOU WISH TO SEE THEM LIVE TO BECOME SOMETHING WONDERFUL...

...THEN THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE.

FOR JUDGMENT IS COMING.

NOW.

RACE. SEXUALITY. ETHNICITY. RELIGION. A LINE ON A MAP.

HUMANITY HAS EVER SLAUGHTERED ITS OWN FOR REASONS SO PETTY.

AS A SPECIES, WE ARE STILL YOUNG. BUT WE CAN BE... THEY WILL BE SO MUCH MORE.

IF THEY COULD SEE WHAT I SEE.

LORD HIGH EVOLUTIONARY... THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT.

"THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED."

WHETHER THEY THINK ME A MONSTER OR A SAVIOR, IT DOES NOT MATTER.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT THEY SURVIVE.

NO MATTER WHO MUST BE SACRIFICED IN THE PROCESS.

PUT HIM DOWN, EVOLUTIONARY.

HE IS BUT A CHILD.

YOU KNOW WHAT IS COMING, WYNDHAM!

NOT... A KID...

STOP IT! YOU'RE KILLING HIM!

RRRAA!

THEY ALL MUST DIE!

YOU KNOW THESE CREATURES AS WELL AS I, THEY WILL NOT STOP!

THEY WILL NEVER STOP UNTIL THEY DESTROY *EVERYTHING!*

...

THEN HAVE MERCY, FOR THEIR SINS ARE NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING.

HK...

END IT QUICKLY.

HEY... JACKASS...

MIGHT WANT TO... LOOK UP...

WHAT--?!

WARRIORS ATTACK!

KID NOVA!

AAAHH!

YOU SHOULD ANSWER YOUR PHONE! IT TOOK US LIKE AN *HOUR* TO FIND YOU.

AND A MAGIC SPELL! YOU KNOW WHO'S HANDY TO HAVE AS FRIENDS? *MAGICIANS.*

I DON'T MEAN TO BE ALL DEBBIE DOWNER HERE, BUT THERE'S A FREAKING LOT OF THESE THINGS.

IS IT TOO LATE TO CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THIS?

YES.

HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!

WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE DOING HERE, LET'S JUST TALK ABOUT IT. I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT YOU... I KNOW YOU'RE NOT AN EVIL MAN.

IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY, I WOULD CHOOSE IT.

BUT THERE IS NO TIME.

MUTANT...

JUSTICE! HE'S GOING TO KILL EVERYONE!

MOSTLY EVERYONE!

FWAM!

LET'S SKIP THE DIPLOMACY, THEN.

MUTANT!

UHN!

I WAS RIGHT TO HATE YOUR KIND!

YOU ARE AN ABERRATION... A DISEASE, A CORRUPTION OF THE GODS' PLAN. I SEE IT NOW!

AND HERE I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO BE FRIENDS.

FWOOM!

SUN GIRL!

FREE THE PRISONERS!

THISISCRAZY THISISCRAZY THISISCRAZY...

...

IS THAT SPIDER-MAN?!

JUST DO IT!

SHRACK!

DOWN!

AHHH!!

DID YOU *SEE* THAT?!

YEAH. A GIRL IN A JETPACK ALMOST KILLED US.

THEY'RE *SUPER HEROES!*

WE'RE GONNA BE SUPER HEROES!

WHAT DO I DO?!

YOU CAN MANIPULATE THEIR EMOTIONS?

YEAH!

THEN MAKE THEM WANT TO KILL EACH OTHER!

SO ≯UNG!≮ WHAT ARE YOU DOING ≯NF≮ HERE ANYWAY? JUST ≯AHH!≮ HANGING OUT?

YEAH! YEAH, I'M JUST HANGING OUT! NOT TAKEN PRISONER OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

COOL.

YOU, WITH THE CAPE... WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!

MY NAME IS JUS--

I DON'T CARE! WE HAVE TO GO!

YOU ARE DOING GREAT!

YOU'RE JUST HIDING BEHIND ME!

I KNOW! ARE YOU OKAY?

I... I DON'T FEEL...

OH, GOD.

MARK?!

ROOOUR!

WHOA.

IS THAT THING ON OUR SIDE?

CHOMP!

NYEARRGH!

GUESS SO.

GOOD.

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY? I SAW--

OH MY GOD, NITA?!

WHAT?

HIM! HERBERT, THAT JERKWAD, WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!

HE'S MADE THIS THING THAT--

UHNN!

SAM!

SAM! SAM!

WILL SOMEONE JUST CALL ME *NOVA* FOR ONCE?! I HAVE THE HELMET AND THE COSTUME AND I'VE BEEN TO SPACE AND--

NOT NOW! YOU HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE!

SAM, WAKE UP!

WHAT DID HE MAKE?!

HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! YELLING AT HIM'S NOT GOING TO WORK!

FORGIVE ME.

CHAOM!

VHHHHHHHHH

WHAT IS THIS?

PRETTY!

VAAAANCE! FOREBODING LIGHT OF DOOM! ANY IDEAS?

NOVA...HE SAID...HE SAID THAT THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY MADE SOMETHING...

HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT KNEW.

HEY! WAKE THE $%&# UP!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?! WHAT'S THIS THING DO?!

IT KILLS... PEOPLE...WITH POWERS.

GUYS?!

GUYS, WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

JUSTICE!

JUSTICE, WHAT DO I DO?!

NYEDAAHHH!

OH, NO.

BEHIND...

WHAT?!

HNN! BEHIND YOU...

YOU ARE HUMAN.

PLEASE, TAKE MY HAND. THIS WILL ALL BE OVER SOON.

YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS...YOU HAVE TO STOP, THEY'RE DYING!

THE SUFFERING... IT WAS NOT MY INTENT. THE XANDARIAN INTELLIGENCE WITHIN NOVA'S HELMET WOULD HAVE MADE THINGS MORE PRECISE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER QUICKER.

BUT WHAT I DO, I DO TO SAVE THE LIFE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH.

WHAT?

IF YOU COULD KILL ONE PERSON TO SAVE A THOUSAND, WOULDN'T YOU? NO?

NOW IMAGINE IF BY KILLING A HUNDRED THOUSAND, YOU COULD SAVE *SEVEN BILLION* SOULS.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SAVE *EVERYONE?*

THE GODS ARE COMING BACK TO JUDGE US.

AND THERE IS NOTHING WE WOULD NOT DO TO ENSURE HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL, IS THERE?

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!

SHNICK!

KRA-KA-BOOM!

FWOOSH!

SHRIKS

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

BLASTED... YOUR MACHINE...

...KIND OF THOUGHT I'D TAKE YOU OUT, TOO.

THE CELESTIALS ARE COMING!

I WAS GIVEN ONE LAST CHANCE! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE?!

HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF HER.

YOU'VE FAILED, WYNGARDE!

DAMN YOU!

SUN GIRL, DOWN!

YOU THINK THIS IS OVER? THAT YOU'VE WON?

AAAH!

"THIS HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN."

WE WON!

YOU DID GOOD. YOU SAVED US ALL.

YEAH? WELL, WHAT IF I JUST CONDEMNED THE HUMAN RACE?

WHAT'S TO STOP THAT GUY FROM JUST DOING ALL THIS AGAIN?

US.

THE NEW WARRIORS.

I THINK NOT.

NO!

I KIND OF NEED TO GET HOME...

WHAT?!

YES!

NO. $#%&. WAY.

WELL, YOU'VE GOT ONE.

IT'S A START.

AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S SPIDER-MAN.

YEAH, I'M THINKING NOT.

"THIS WAS A SETBACK..."

...NOTHING MORE.

NOTHING MORE?!

"THERE IS NO TIME! YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID! THE EXECUTIONER AWAITS!

"YOU MUST REBUILD YOUR BOMB. WE WILL COLLECT MORE SAMPLES..."

"NO. THERE IS NO NEED.

"THIS WAS ALL MEANT TO BE. THESE HEROES, THESE WARRIORS THAT SOUGHT US OUT...

"THEY ARE ALL THAT WE MUST DESTROY.

"THEY ARE THE SAMPLES, AND THEY WILL CLEANSE THE WORLD OF THEIR OWN KIND.

"THE SECOND EVOLUTIONARY WAR HAS BEGUN."

FIVE

IS IT OVER?

FOR NOW. BUT THE *SPACE GODS* ARE COMING. AND WHEN THEY DO, EVERYONE WILL DIE.

CAN THEY BE STOPPED?

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL TRY. THEY WILL *FAIL.*

BUT I CAN DESTROY THESE FALSE GODS, *CANINUS.*

I AM OLDER THAN THEM...I CAN STOP ALL OF THIS ONCE I AM FREED FROM MY PRISON.

HOW?

THE *INSTRUMENTS* OF MY RETURN ARE ALREADY HERE...

"...ALL I NEED IS YOUR HELP...

WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN. NOW.

"...AND YOUR NEW WARRIORS."

THWIP!

THWIP!

VANCE ASTROVIK, A.K.A. JUSTICE.

KAINE PARKER, A.K.A. SCARLET SPIDER.

FAIRA SAR NAMORA, A.K.A. WATER SNAKE.

THUD

HOW MANY MORE OF THESE SOULLESS *MACHINES* MUST WE FACE?

WHEN I SAID I'D HELP YOU SECURE THIS PLACE, I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE SO *BIG*.

I THOUGHT "MOUNTAIN" WAS JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH.

YOU KNOW, THE OTHER SCARLET SPIDER I KNEW DIDN'T COMPLAIN THIS MUCH.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CHOW!

RED SUIT, BLUE HOODIE... BUT I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT HIM. OR THE OTHER SCARLET SPIDERS. OR SPIDER-MAN.

WANT TO TELL ME EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE?

NOT AS MUCH AS I WANT TO PUNCH YOU IN THE FACE.

YOU ALREADY KNOW WHO HE IS.

HE'S FACED DOWN DEATH ITSELF TO ALLOW THE *NOVA* CHILD TO CALL FOR HELP.

HE WOULD HAVE SACRIFICED EVERYTHING TO SAVE THE LIVES THAT THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY THREATENED.

THAT IS WHO THE SCARLET SPIDER IS.

...YEAH.

WHAT SHE SAID.

DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON YOU, "WATER SNAKE."

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE--

I AM NOT NAMORITA!

I'VE WORKED WITH HER, LAUGHED WITH HER...WE'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL TOGETHER.

YOUR VOICE, YOUR BODY, EVEN THE WAY YOU MOVE...YOU *ARE* NAMORITA PRENTISS, WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT.

I TOLD YOU AND YOUR SPEEDBALL... I AM FAIRA SAR NAMORA.

NAMORA--

I AM HER ***SERVANT***. I WAS SENT ON A QUEST BY LADY NAMORA TO FIND NAMORITA AND RETURN HER HOME.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PICTURE OF HER? EVEN IF SHE IS ALIVE--

SHE IS ***ALIVE***. OUR MYSTICS ***SENSED*** HER RETURN.

CAN WE DO THIS LATER? LET'S CLEAR THIS PLACE AND BE DONE WITH IT.

FINE. BUT YOU ***ARE*** NAMORITA. WHEN WE GET BACK TO NEW YORK, I'M GETTING YOUR DNA SCANNED.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ***TRY***.

FOR THE RECORD, I'M ON HER SIDE.

OF COURSE YOU ARE.

UNTIL THE OTHERS GET BACK FROM THE VILLAGE, WE KEEP CLEARING THE MOUNTAIN. IF ANYONE SEES ***ANYTHING***, SPEAK UP.

COMMUNICATION IS ***KEY!***

IDIOT SURFACE--

--DWELLER.

FAIRA?

...

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

EVERYTHING IS *FINE.*

DOWN IN THE VILLAGE.

WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU!

BAM!

SELAH BURKE, A.K.A. SUN GIRL.

MARK SIM, A.K.A. HAECHI.

ARACELY PENALBA, A.K.A. HUMMINGBIRD.

ROBBIE BALDWIN, A.K.A. SPEEDBALL.

...

KAFF!

WOW, DO I FEEL STUPID.

YEAH, BUT I LIKED THAT ENERGY!

...WE'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT DOOR.

UH, ANYONE HERE SPEAK ENGLISH? *PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS*, MAYBE? YOU'RE ALL OKAY, RIGHT?

NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU SEEM REALLY BAD AT THIS.

NONE TAKEN! I'VE BEEN INSULTED BY THE BEST.

YOU TOLD JUSTICE THAT THE PEOPLE IN TOWN NEEDED OUR HELP, THAT THEY WERE IN DANGER...

THEY COULD HAVE. THEY MIGHT. THEIR SHOCKED SILENCE COULD BE A CRY FOR HELP.

YOU! HUMMINGBIRD!

HERE! I'M READY! I MEAN, WHAT?!

UH. YOU'RE A TELEPATH, RIGHT? AND AN EMPATH?

AND I FLOAT!

GOOD TO KNOW. CAN YOU DO THAT THING WHERE YOU TELEPATHICALLY LEARN A LANGUAGE FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S MIND?

NOPE. WAIT, MAYBE. THAT'S HOW I LEARNED ENGLISH, I THINK. AND JAPANESE. AND FRENCH.

WELL, CAN YOU LEARN WHATEVER LANGUAGE THESE PEOPLE SPEAK?

OKAY...WE'RE IN A PLACE CALLED TRANSIA...THE PEOPLE MOSTLY SPEAK ROMANIAN...

...WE SHOULD AVOID THE SOUP AND THE *LIMBĂ CU MĂSLINE*...IT'S ***COW TONGUE***, THAT'S SERIOUSLY GROSS.

GOOD TIP.

IS EVERYONE OKAY? DID THEY HAPPEN TO NOTICE A BIG ENERGY EXPLOSION THAT ALMOST KILLED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FIRE OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN?

THEY DID! BUT I GUESS STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS AROUND THE MOUNTAIN ***ALL THE TIME.*** THEY'RE KIND OF USED TO IT.

AND IT'S HAUNTED.

KILL ME. SO WHAT NOW, WE GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN FOR THE OTHERS?

SOON.

COW TONGUE ASIDE, WHEN'S THE LAST TIME ANY OF US ATE?

WHY THE HELL WOULD I WANT TO JOIN THE NEW WARRIORS?

YOU'VE SEEN THE GOOD WE CAN DO.

YOU GOT LUCKY.

IT'S NOT LUCK. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

THE EIGHT OF US, COMING TOGETHER LIKE THIS? YOU CAN'T IGNORE THAT.

WATCH ME. I'M NOT A SUPER HERO.

DO YOU WEAR THAT CAPE TO HIDE THE STICK UP YOUR--?

SO WHAT, YOU WEAR THAT COSTUME BECAUSE IT'S COMFORTABLE?

KSH!

THAT'S NOT GOOD.

KSH!

NEITHER IS THAT. WHAT'S YOUR SPIDER-SENSE TELLING YOU?

WHAT?

YOUR SPIDER-SENSE, IT--

HSSS!

AAAHH!

SLASH

WHAT THE HELL WAS *THAT*?!

IT'S FASTER THAN THE OTHER MACHINES...

DAMMIT, THAT *HURTS!*

THANKS FOR THE WARNING!

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT *SPIDER-MAN!*

I DON'T *HAVE* SPIDER-SENSE!

HSSS...

ENOUGH! THE MACHINES WILL ATTACK AGAIN SOON ENOUGH...

NO. THIS ISN'T THE MOUNTAIN'S DEFENSES.

THIS IS SOMETHING *DIFFERENT*. SOMETHING DEADLY. SOMETHING--

I... HANG ON...

WHAT ARE YOU DO--

ACHOOO!

I'M SURE THEY'RE *FINE*. VANCE IS A PRO.

AND THAT REALLY ISN'T SPIDER-MAN?

NO! AND PLEASE DON'T ASK HIM. HE GETS ALL STABBY ABOUT IT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LITTLE KID, WITH THE HELMET? HE SHOT OUT OF HERE PRETTY FAST.

OH, HE JUST HAD TO GET HOME AND CHECK IN WITH HIS *MOM*. HE HAD TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HER AND EVERYTHING.*

BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M MORE INTERESTED IN ALL OF *YOU*.

SUN GIRL! NICE WINGS. DID YOU MAKE THEM?

BACK IN NOVA#10.0, NOVANATORS! --DEDUCTIVE DEV

OH, WELL, YOU KNOW. MY DAD, HE'S AN INVENTOR. I'M...BORROWING THEM FROM HIM.

UH-HUH. AND WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT SUPER-HEROING?

...I'M A STUDENT.

MARK! HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A SUPER HERO NAME YET?

UH, NO. DO I NEED ONE?

YES. MAYBE SOMETHING DRAGON RELATED, SEEING AS YOU TURNED INTO THAT BIG ENERGY-EATING DRAGON MONSTER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLE. DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT?

...NO.

AWESOME. GOT ANY FAMILY?

WELL, MY GRAND-MOTHER--

OKAY! AND *YOU*, HUMMINGBIRD.

YOU CAN CALL ME ARACELY! I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM OR HOW I GOT MY POWERS BUT I WAS ATTACKED BY A FIRE SALAMANDER AND MEXICAN WEREWOLVES, WHO WORK FOR THE COYOTE, WHO SPEAKS TO ME IN MY DREAMS!

OOOOOOOKAY.

THAT'S KIND OF COMPLICATED.

AND YOU AND SPIDER-M--

SCARLET SPIDER.

YOU GUYS HANG OUT TOGETHER?

UH-HUH. HE'S MY CHAMPION, HE'S GOING TO SAVE ME ONE DAY. I MEAN, HE ALREADY DID, A FEW TIMES, BUT HE'S GOING TO SAVE ME AGAIN.

OKAY. GOOD TO KNOW.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SPEEDBALL?

OH, YOUR STANDARD, RUN OF THE MILL SUPER-SCIENCE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT.

SO NOW YOU CAN BOUNCE.

THAT'S NOT ALL HE CAN DO!

DO YOU STILL CUT YOURSELF?

...WHAT?

YOU CUT YOURSELF, IT GIVES YOU POWER. DO YOU DO IT BECAUSE THAT TOWN BLEW UP?

ARACELY, YOU OKAY?

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT SPEEDBALL LIKE THAT?

NO, IT'S OKAY.

THE EXPLOSION IN STAMFORD WAS A HORRIBLE THING, I WAS IN A BAD PLACE FOR A LONG TIME.

HUMMINGBIRD.

STAY OUT OF MY HEAD.

I JUST... I... WHAT?

BUT I'M OKAY NOW.

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I'LL ASK YOU NICELY.

MAN, WHAT TIME IS IT?

I DIDN'T KNOW.

ARE THERE REALLY SPIKES INSIDE THERE?

YOU KIND OF LIVE IN YOUR OWN WORLD, DON'T YOU?

SPEAK OF THIS TO NO ONE.

OKAY!

I'M PRETTY SURE WE SHOULD GO NOW.

I AM NOT HUNGRY ANYMORE.

"WATCH OUT!"

UHN!

HSSS!

I'VE GOT IT!

VM!

VM!

VM!

SPAK!

SPAK!

SPAK!

HSSS!

YOU'VE GOT IT?

AND WHAT THE HELL ARE *YOU* DOING TO HELP?!

WHAT? YOU HAD IT COVERED. I DIDN'T WANT TO GET IN THE WAY OF THE LEADER OF THE NEW WARRIORS.

SLAM!

FORMER LEADER.

HSSS!

DIEEEE!

THWIP!

THWIP!

AAAHHH!

?

MROWR!

SETTLE DOWN, KITTY. YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS WITH---

HSSSS!

AAAHHHH!

GET IT OFF!

HANG ON, I--I--

ACHOOO!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

WATER.

CHUNK!

WILL YOU QUIT MESSING AROUND AND DO SOMETHING!?

I AM.

WHOOSH!!

SPLOOSH!

ROWR!

YOU'RE DEAD, FURBALL, DO YOU HEAR ME?!

DO IT! FINISH WHAT OUR MASTER STARTED, MAN-SPIDER!

NO!
?
!
WHY IS MY LIFE LIKE THIS?
I BEG OF YOU... SPARE MY FRIEND'S LIFE.
MY ONLY FRIEND.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO...UHN. SORRY, ALLERGIES. WE'RE NOT GOING TO KILL HIM.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.
WHAT MANNER OF CREATURES ARE YOU?
WE ARE *NEW MEN*. CREATIONS OF THE LORD HIGH EVOLUTIONARY... ONCE SIMPLE CREATURES, EVOLVED BY HIS SCIENCE TO BE SOMETHING MORE.
BUT OUR MASTER TURNED AGAINST US.
BUT YOU ESCAPED?
WITH... SOME ASSISTANCE, YES. WE HID DEEP WITHIN WUNDAGORE. WE THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE MORE OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S ROBOTIC MINIONS.
MY FRIEND AND I WISH YOU NO HARM...
I DO. I WISH YOU HARM. I'M GOING TO EAT YOUR EYEBALLS WHILE YOU SLEEP.
GREAT.
JUST LIKE A *CAT*.

WELL, WE'RE DEFINITELY *NOT* WITH THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY. WE JUST STOPPED HIM FROM KILLING EVEN MORE PEOPLE.

HSS!

THANK THE GODS.

DO YOU HAVE NAMES?

I AM CANINUS.

MY FRIEND IS FELINATUS.

WE ARE NOT FRIENDS.

WE ARE BEST FRIENDS.

THESE ARE THE WORST NAMES I'VE EVER HEARD.

WHO GAVE THEM TO YOU?

THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.

WELL, PICK OUT NEW ONES. YOUR OWN NAMES. NO ONE CAN TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.

FAAAA!!RRRAAA!!!

LATER.

COME AGAIN?

GUYS, UH, THESE ARE OUR NEW FRIENDS... THEY KIND OF LIVE HERE...

...JAKE WAFFLES AND MISTER WHISKERS.

HI!

YOU ALL SMELL BAD. I HATE YOU.

WE GET PETS?!

KITTY!

IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

HONESTLY? THIS IS A NEW ONE EVEN FOR ME.

HOW'D IT GO IN THE VILLAGE?

SUPER AWESOME. WE SAVED THEM ALL.

OH. GOOD. ANYWAY, HE SAYS HE KNOWS EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT HOW THE MOUNTAIN WORKS, AND CAN EVEN TRANSPORT US WHEREVER WE WANT TO GO.

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK.

MEXICO.

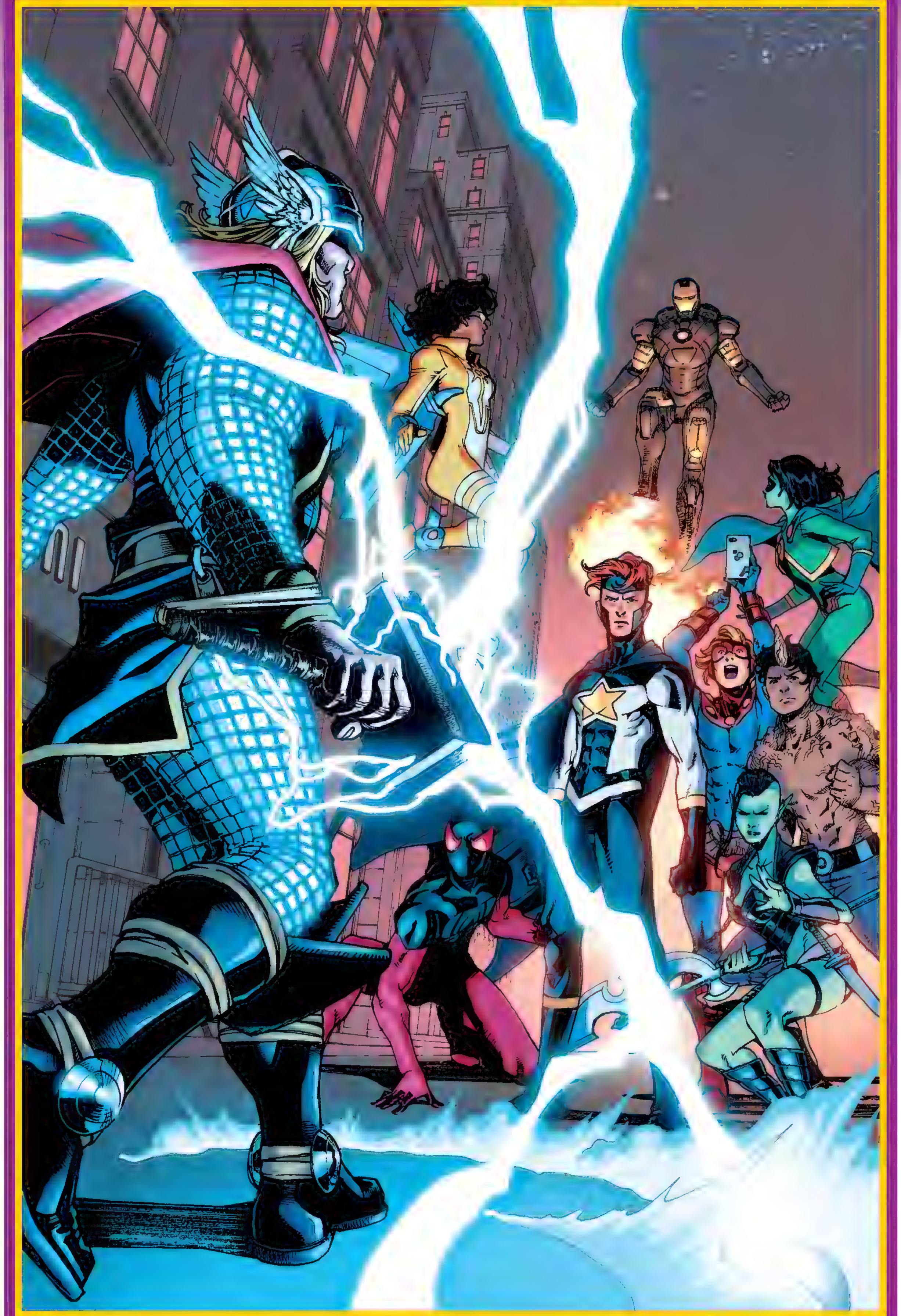
DISNEYLAND!

SELAH!
YEAH?
I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH SPEEDBALL.
OH, LORD. WHY?
HE'S JUST SO...SO DARK! AND BROODING! AND ANGSTY.
...IS THERE ANOTHER SPEEDBALL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY QUIET.
FINE. EVERYTHING...
EVERYTHING IS FINE.
WAIT, HANG ON. HOW DOES THIS WORK?
YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE!
YEAH, IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU JUST EXPLAIN--
TRANSPORT TO NEW YORK CITY IN 3... 2...
WAIT---

OOPS.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T JUST TELEPORT THE ENTIRE *MOUNTAIN* TO NEW YORK CITY.

I DID NOT KNOW WHERE DISNEYLAND WAS.



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THE CAVERNS OF MOUNT WUNDAGORE.

THE PARCHMENT WAS ANCIENT WHEN THE WORLD WAS NEW.

ON THESE SCROLLS WERE WRITTEN TERRIBLE THINGS, AUTHORED BY EVIL ITSELF.

THE PAGES WERE GATHERED INTO A BOOK OF SINS.

THE DARKHOLD, MEN CALLED IT.

AND FROM IT COMES MONSTERS.

AVENGERS TOWER.
NEW YORK CITY.
TALK TO ME, IRON MAN.
A BURST OF ENERGY FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, OVER ALMOST AS SOON AS IT BEGAN.
WAS ANYONE HURT?
THAT'S JUST THE THING...NO. AND THIS IS *HOURS* OLD. THERE WAS A BREAKING NEWS REPORT 20 MINUTES AGO OUT OF THE REGION, BUT IT WAS ABOUT GOAT HERDING.
BUT THE REAL ISSUE IS THE EPICENTER...
...MOUNT *WUNDAGORE.*
THE *HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S* OLD BASE? LAST TIME WE MET HIM, HE WAS ON OUR SIDE.
MAYBE THE WIND CHANGED DIRECTION. WHATEVER'S GOING ON...WE MISSED IT.
THIS HAPPENED, AND WE HAD NO WARNING.
SO THE QUESTION IS, WHAT'S COMING *NEXT?*
ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!
SPATIAL DISTURBANCE IN PROGRESS!
IT'S COMING FROM THE BAY.
SEND OUT THE CALL...

"AVENGERS ASSEMBLE."

NYPD

NOSPD

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

OH, LORD. DID WE JUST BRING THIS ENTIRE MOUNTAIN TO *NEW YORK CITY?*

OOOH! I'VE BEEN TO NEW YORK BEFORE!

WE ARE ALL GOING TO JAIL.

FOREVER.

JAKE, YOU HAVE TO GET US OUT OF HERE *RIGHT NOW!*

WHY?

WHY?! YOU JUST DROPPED A MOUNTAIN ON TOP OF A MAJOR CITY! HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK WE JUST--

THE WATER HAS NOT MOVED.

VANCE... NITA'S RIGHT.

DO NOT CALL ME THAT.

I CAN ALMOST SEE MY APARTMENT FROM--

HEY! CHECK IT OUT--THE BOAT!

"IT JUST PASSED RIGHT THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN."

WELL, YES. THE MOUNTAIN IS NOT HERE.

CARE TO ELABORATE ON THAT?

WE ARE HERE, BUT NOT HERE. WE EXIST IN BOTH PLACES AT ONCE, BUT NEITHER AT THE SAME TIME.

YOU ARE BAD AT EXPLAINING THINGS.

WE'VE GOT VISITORS.

THEY LOOK KIND OF UPSET.

NO KIDDING.

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL, NEW YORK.

--DOES NOT SEEM TO BE CAUSING ANY DAMAGE. WE REPEAT, WHAT SEEMS TO BE A **MOUNTAIN** HAS JUST...JUST MAGICALLY APPEARED IN THE HUDSON RIVER.

WHAT IS *THAT?!*

THAT MOUNTAIN! IT CAME OUTTA *NOWHERE!*

POLICE AND FIRE ARE EN ROUTE, BUT NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. WE'RE GETTING NEW INFORMATION...IRON MAN AND THOR HAVE BEEN SPOTTED HEADING TO THE MOUNTAIN--

GO GET 'EM, GUYS... PROBABLY MORE FREAKING INHUMANS.

IT WAS ONE OF THEM THAT BLEW UP THIS TRAIN, I HEARD.

"HE WAS HERE."

AND HE WASN'T ALONE.

MUTANTS AND SUPER HEROES...OH, MY. MARK SIM HAS HAD A BUSY FEW DAYS.

SO WHAT NOW?

NIGHTFALL WILL SHOW US WHERE TO GO.

THEN WE DELIVER OUR INHUMAN BROTHER TO THE MASTER.

THEN WE'LL SEE WHO'S WORTHY.

CARE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELVES, SPEEDBALL?

...WHICH PART?

THE MOUNTAIN.

OHHHH, *THAT.* YEAH. FROM THE BEGINNING...WE WERE IN ARIZONA, LOOKING FOR NOVA...

OH, ARE WE JOKING NOW? I LOVE *JOKES.*

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE WHERE TWO IDIOTS CAUSED AN ENTIRE CITY TO GO INTO A MASS PANIC?

IS IT POWER MAN AND IRON FIST?

SPEEDBALL, *ENOUGH.* THE *NEW WARRIORS* HAVE THIS UNDER CONTROL, CAPTAIN.

THE NEW WARRIORS?

YEAH. THERE WERE OTHERS. THOR'S WATCHING THEM.

"PLEASE? PLEASE?!"

PLEEEEEEEEEEEAAAASE?!

no.

YOU'RE AFRAID I'LL BE ABLE TO PICK IT UP, AREN'T YOU?! I KNEW IT!

...

WHAT MANNER OF WARRIORS ARE YOU?

LOOK, MAN, WE JUST WANT TO GO HOME.

I LIVE IN BROOKLYN, CAN'T I JUST GO CHECK IN WITH MY FAMILY?

NAY.

AND WHY NOT?

BECAUSE WE'RE DANGEROUS.

FAAAAAIIRRAAA...

WELL, THIS IS AMERICA THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, SO UNLESS WE'RE UNDER ARREST OR SOMETHING, YOU NEED TO BACK THE HELL OFF.

ARE YOU THREATENING ME, MORTAL?

WHAT? NO! SHE'S NOT! SHE'D NEV--

KIND OF!

HSSSSSSSS

NO... THIS IS NOT HAPPENING.

THIS IS IN MY HEAD.

WATER SNAKE... FAIRA...

YOU OKAY?

THE MAN ASKED YOU A QUESTION.

BUT I CAN TELL YOU THE ANSWER.

"NO."

YOU'RE NOT OKAY, ARE YOU?

WHAT'S HER DEAL?

FAIRA...

DO YOU NOT SEE IT?!

SEE WHAT?

THEY DON'T SEE, BUT YOU DO.

WHAT I OFFER...IT'S ONLY FOR YOU.

IT'S ONLY THE TRUTH.

NO.

YOU WISH TO SAY SOMETHING TO ME, ATLANTEAN?

DIE!

...HOLY CRAP.

"WHAT EXACTLY MADE YOU THINK THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA?"

MAYBE THE BIT WHERE WE SAVED THE WORLD?

THE NEW WARRIORS ARE A TARNISHED BRAND.

DID YOU JUST CALL US A "BRAND?"

YOU AND ***SPEEDBALL*** ARE WELCOME HERE AT THE TOWER, JUSTICE, AS AVENGERS. YOU KNOW THIS.

BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE WHAT HAPPENED IN STAMFORD, VANCE.

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A TRAGEDY LIKE THAT BEFORE, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL THINK THE NEW WARRIORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF YOUR TEAM WAS FOLDED INTO THE AVENGERS.

WHERE YOU CAN ***WATCH US***, IS THAT IT?

BOTTOM LINE, EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER STAMFORD...

...YOU DON'T TRUST US.

VANCE...

NO. YOU'RE RIGHT. STAMFORD WILL *ALWAYS* BE PART OF OUR PAST.

JUST LIKE THE *CIVIL WAR* THAT FOLLOWED IS ON THE TWO OF *YOU*.

THE REASON THAT MOUNT WUNDAGORE IS IN NEW YORK IS BECAUSE THE NEW WARRIORS THAT YOU *DISTRUST* SO MUCH...

...STOPPED THE *HIGH EVOLUTIONARY* FROM KILLING *MILLIONS* OF PEOPLE.

I WAS THE *ONLY* AVENGER THERE...

...AND AS OF TODAY, I'M NO LONGER AN AVENGER.

I'M A WARRIOR, JUST LIKE NIGHT THRASHER, NAMORITA, NOVA...AND ALL THE OTHER WARRIORS WHO'VE GIVEN THEIR *LIVES* TRYING TO DO SOME GOOD.

JUST LIKE SPEEDBALL.

YOU CAN KEEP THE CARD.

AND IF THE AVENGERS AREN'T HAPPY WITH A NEW TEAM OF WARRIORS...

WHOA, HEY, YOU DIDN'T EVEN LET HIM FINISH.

KRA-KOOOM!

THAT'S COMING FROM THE MOUNTAIN...

THOR.

HAVE AT THEE!

TIME TO WRITE A NEW BOOK OF SINS.

WRATH FEELS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO START, DON'T YOU AGREE?

DOG AND CAT! GET OUT OF HERE!

HUMMINGBIRD! DEAL WITH FAIRA!

ON IT!

FAIRA! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS!

DIE, DEMON!

WAIT, DO YOU MEAN ME? BECAUSE I'M OVER HERE.

FAIRA?!

HSSS...

SHRACK!

AAAHHH!

THERE'S... THERE'S EXTRA STUFF IN FAIRA'S BRAIN.

BAD STUFF.

UHN!

YOU BELIEVE I NEED TO SEE YOU TO SMITE YOU?!

THWIP!

I...I THINK I CAN ABSORB THE ENERGY FROM HIS HAMMER...

MAYBE THEN HE WON'T BE ABLE TO--

THINK AGAIN!

GYAAAHH!

AAAHH!

GRRRAAAAA!

LET ME IN!

SHOW US!

ARACELLLYY...!

URF!

FWASH!

ARE YOU SEEING A DWARF STANDING THERE, OR IS THAT JUST ME?

...TRULY, I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT.

LET...

=ACK!=

ME...

=KAFF!=

GO, PLEASE!

R@FRB FRJ'YKNP BTKRM!

BY ODIN'S BEARD...

THE LITTLE PERSON IS GOING TO POSSESS HIM.

YOU CAN SEE HIM?

‹THE HAND OF CHTHON DARES TO ATTACK A GOD?›

HUMMINGBIRD?

‹BURN BEFORE HUITZILOPOCHTLI!›

CAN *SOMEONE* PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON NOW? ANYONE?

ARACELY...

HEY, I THINK I BLACKED OUT FOR A SECOND THERE. WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU...YOU TURNED INTO FIRE AND KILLED A GUY.

REALLY?! WHICH GUY?

A DEMON.

OKAY. WHEW!

MOMENTS LATER.

GUYS? EVERYONE OKAY? WE SAW LIGHTNING AND--

THOR?!

IRON MAN! JUSTICE! SPEEDBALL!

COME, JOIN US! FOR THE NEW WARRIORS HAVE DEFEATED AN AGENT OF THE ELDER DEMON CHTHON FROM GAINING A FOOTHOLD IN THIS WORLD!

NOW, WE CELEBRATE!

...DID YOU KNOW THE ELDER DEMON CHTHON WAS TRYING TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD IN THIS WORLD?

...YEAH. THAT'S THE KIND OF CONFIDENCE I HAVE IN MY TEAM.

YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE THE MOUNTAIN NOW, RIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY.

BROOKLYN.
LATER.

AND YOU'RE SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

NO.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T SEEN ME IN WEEKS, THEY DON'T KNOW...THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT I'VE BECOME.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO YOU...THIS IS GOING TO BE HARD. THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, TRUST ME... I KNOW.

YEAH, IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER BECOMES A KICK-BUTT SUPER HERO THAT JUST SAVED THE WORLD TWICE IN TWO DAYS.

BE STRONG, HAECHI.

I'M NOT SURE YOU GUYS ARE HELPING.

HOMINY?

ELLIE? MIA? IT'S MARK...I'M HOME.

I... I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

HOMINY?

ARE YOU--

HELLO, BROTHER.

YOU'RE NOT AN EASY MAN TO FIND, MARK.

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO HUMANITY.

WELCOME TO THE *TRIBE*.

SPARK, FUME...LIGHT THE PLACE UP.

MARK!

KRA-KOOOOM!

NEXT: INHUMANITY!

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1 (2014)

THIS IS KAINE. MY *EVIL CLONE.*

CREATED BY A MAD SCIENTIST, HIS WHOLE *"THING"* WAS TO MAKE MY LIFE A LIVING HELL.

OR *PROTECT* ME. OR *KILL* ME. I WAS NEVER EXACTLY SURE. DESPITE BEING MY CLONE, KAINE WAS A LITTLE OFF IN THE HEAD.

BUT FROM THE MINUTE HE WAS CREATED, HE WAS *DYING*. CELLULAR DEGENERATION. A FAILED EXPERIMENT.

IT ALL CAME TO A HEAD WHEN HE TURNED INTO A GIANT *SPIDER-MONSTER* AND TRIED TO EAT ME.

THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS TO ME ALL THE TIME.

BUT, IN THE END, HE WAS CURED! WE PARTED ON GOOD TERMS, AND HE TOOK OFF TO PARTS UNKNOWN.

PARTS UNKNOWN TURNED OUT TO BE *HOUSTON, TEXAS*, WHERE I'M NOW DISCOVERING THAT KAINE IS STILL A--

--MONSTER.

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL.
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

MY NAME IS *PETER PARKER*, BETTER KNOWN AS THE *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN*. I'M HERE IN HOUSTON CHECKING UP ON MY EVIL-ER HALF.

AND IF I'VE LEARNED ONE THING, IT'S THAT YOU COULD NOT *PAY* ME TO SWING AROUND IN COSTUME WITH THIS KIND OF HUMIDITY.

HOUSTON APPARENTLY SHARES WEATHER WITH VIETNAM.

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN, A MONSTER?

YOUR VOICE SOUNDS REALLY FAMILIAR. WHERE DID YOU SAY YOU WERE FROM AGAIN?

UH... *AHEM*.

NEW YAWK. I'M A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.

OH. WELL, WHEN I SAY MONSTER, I MEAN...

"...HE TURNED INTO A *GIANT SPIDER.*"

THE WAY SHE DESCRIBES KAINE'S TRANSFORMATION...THIS ISN'T ANOTHER SPIDER-ISLAND OUTBREAK. THIS IS SOMETHING WORSE.

THIS IS THE *OTHER*.

SOME KIND OF MYSTICAL SPIDER-CREATURE, *THE OTHER* IS LIKE THE ANIMAL INSIDE US...I REJECTED IT, BUT KAINE HAD SO MUCH PAIN AND ANGER IN HIS LIFE. I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE WITH THE SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE HE'D BEEN GIVEN, HE'D FOUND PEACE...

...BUT IF HE'S GIVEN INTO THAT MONSTER THEN KAINE IS NO LONGER--

HE'S YOUR BROTHER, ISN'T HE?

EXCUSE ME?

WHEN I HEARD YOU, I THOUGHT HE'D COME BACK, BUT YOU WEREN'T YELLING AT ANYBODY, OR SWEARING.

BUT YOU'RE KAINE'S BROTHER, AREN'T YOU? HE'S MENTIONED YOU.

OH, CRAP. SO MUCH FOR MY SECRET IDENTITY.

UH. DID HE SAY ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR?

THAT YOU WERE *REALLY* ANNOYING.

RAZZUM FRAZZUM...

LOOK, I CAME DOWN HERE TO FIND KAINE, TO MAKE SURE HE WAS ALL RIGHT. THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE, THERE WAS...AN ARGUMENT.

"I WASN'T MYSELF."

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM. I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM GO DOWN THE WRONG PATH.

KAINE...HE WAS *ANGRY.* FILLED WITH RAGE.

THAT'S WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF, HE--

LET ME FINISH. HE WAS ANGRY AT HIMSELF. FOR NOT BEING THE MAN THAT YOU APPARENTLY ARE.

BUT WHAT HE NEVER SAW...IS THAT HE WAS A *HERO.*

THIS MAN...*MELAND*...HE TELLS ME THAT KAINE SAVED HIS LIFE, MORE THAN A FEW TIMES.

HE HELPED PEOPLE, HE FOUGHT CRIME, HE EVEN TOOK ON KRAVEN THE HUNTER...AND THEN SAVED *HIS* LIFE.

BUT HE'S OUT THERE, BELIEVING THAT HE'S A MONSTER...

...WHEN IN FACT, HE'S ANYTHING BUT.

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT KAINE GOING DOWN THE WRONG PATH? YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS?

"ASK ANYONE."

SO I DO.

KAINE CAME DOWN HERE TO GET AWAY FROM THE INSANITY OF SPIDER-MAN'S WORLD.

BUT THEN HE PUT ON A COSTUME AND FOUGHT CRIME ANYWAY.

HE WANTED ALL THE *POWER*, AND NONE OF THE *RESPONSIBILITY*.

BUT HE TOOK IT ON ANYWAY.

HE FOUND A HOME HERE. HE HAD *FRIENDS* HERE.

A CITY THAT COUNTED ON HIM.

AND WHILE HE MAY NOT HAVE *LIKED* IT...

...TURNS OUT THAT KAINE IS EVERY BIT THE HERO THAT I AM.

WHEREVER HE IS...

...I HOPE MY *BROTHER* HAS FOUND PEACE.

KAINE

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ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW!
OPEN THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY JOURNALS

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Super humans come in many different forms. Some may be truly human, but enhanced by technology, or magic, or alien science. Others represent variations on humanity: mutants, Inhumans, Atlanteans, and even clones.

The latest version of NEW WARRIORS, from creators Christopher Yost and Marcus To, brings all these types together in a war against forces that would see them all eradicated.

The High Evolutionary has dedicated his life to controlling the evolution of the human race. He has very firm ideas about how humanity should develop, and sees all super humans as a threat. Thanks to NEW WARRIORS writer Christopher Yost we can present an exclusive glimpse into the Evolutionary's journal, featuring his assessment of the threats posed by Warriors like Justice, Speedball, Scarlet Spider, Nova, Hummingbird, Water Snake, Haechi, and Sun Girl.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY:

My name is Herbert Edgar Wyndham, but history will know me better as the High Evolutionary. I leave this record now so that one day, people will understand that the crimes I commit now I do so for the survival of humanity.

Humanity. For so long, I sought to use my science and knowledge to evolve humanity into something greater, but I see now that I was wrong. The problem isn't with humanity, but with the malignant sub-species that threaten to drown out Homo Sapien. On the eve of this second Evolutionary War, I have sent out my new allies, the Evolutionaries, to bring me samples of these aberrations. But each of these subsets of humanity have powerful champions.

They must not be allowed to interfere with my plans, for the end of humanity is nigh.

Judgment is coming.

CLASSIFICATION: MUTANT
KNOWN TERRITORIES: NEW YORK, CANADA, etc.
TARGET SPECIMEN: VANCE ASTROVIK, aka JUSTICE
OTHER SPECIMENS: CYCLOPS, WOLVERINE, THE X-MEN
By far the most destructive of the human sub-species, mutantkind has long been a danger to humanity. Known throughout the universe as a threat, these creatures have themselves been brought to the brink of extinction. Their numbers once again rise, however.

CLASSIFICATION: SUPER-HUMAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: NEW YORK, etc
TARGET SPECIMEN: ROBERT "ROBBIE" BALDWIN, aka SPEEDBALL
OTHER SPECIMENS: SPIDER-MAN, HULK, FANTASTIC FOUR
Radiation, gamma rays, cosmic rays, man-made manipulation; Earth's super humans

are as diverse as they are abundant. In any other species, such exposure to radiation and other contaminants would have caused death, a testament to the potential in Homo Sapien. But within each is the potential for the destruction of mankind.

CLASSIFICATION: CLONE
KNOWN TERRITORIES: HOUSTON, WESTCHESTER, etc
TARGET SPECIMEN: KAINE PARKER, aka SCARLET SPIDER
OTHER SPECIMENS: X-23, NAMORITA, RAGNAROK, BENTLEY-666
Abhorred by mankind, cloning technology goes against the very essence of what it means to be human; but once unleashed by the likes of Mister Sinister, Arnim Zola and others, it proved impossible to put this sin back into Pandora's Box.

CLASSIFICATION: HYBRID/ALIEN ENHANCED HUMAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: SPACE, KNOWHERE
TARGET SPECIMEN: SAMUEL ALEXANDER, aka NOVA
OTHER SPECIMENS: STAR-LORD, QUASAR
Long has Earth been sought after by any number of alien races. Over thousands of years, humanity has been repeatedly experimented on or invaded by aliens, leading to any number of human/alien hybrids, as well as alien technology slowly corrupting human DNA.

CLASSIFICATION: HYBRID/MAGICALLY ENHANCED HUMAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: GREENWICH, NEW SALEM
TARGET SPECIMEN: ARACELY PENALBA, aka HUMMINGBIRD
OTHER SPECIMENS: HELLSTORM, HERCULES, SCARLET WITCH
Much like the damage done to the human species by alien manipulation, an increasing number of other-dimensional hybrids and abominations have sought to dilute the human genetic destiny. Creatures known to man as "DEMONS" or "GODS" have created a new sub-species of man almost unrecognizable—demigods, creatures of magic.

CLASSIFICATION: HOMO MERMANUS/ ATLANTEAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: ATLANTIS, LEMURIA
TARGET SPECIMEN: FAIRA SAR NAMORA, aka WATER SNAKE
OTHER SPECIMENS: NAMOR
An evolutionary off-shoot of humanity caused by environmental circumstances, homo mermanus has long been a threat to humanity. Their numbers have been kept in check in recent history, but they always return seeking dominion over the Earth, and the fall of man.

CLASSIFICATION: INHUMAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: ATTILAN (FORMERLY)
TARGET SPECIMEN: MARK SIM, aka HAECHI
OTHER SPECIMENS: BLACK BOLT, MEDUSA, MAXIMUS
Long has this rogue experiment of the Kree been extant, living in secret, their numbers small. But after recent events, it would seem that the Inhumans pose the most immediate threat that man has ever seen. With their mutative Terrigen Mist unleashed within the atmosphere of Earth, the effects that Inhumanity will have on man can only serve to bring disaster even closer.

CLASSIFICATION: HUMAN
KNOWN TERRITORIES: EARTH
TARGET SPECIMEN: SELAH BURKE, aka SUN GIRL
KNOWN SPECIMENS: IRON MAN, HAWKEYE
Humanity. Their potential remains limitless. A race of creatures meant to evolve into something the universe has never seen, to rise higher and soar farther than any other, but they themselves may well be their own greatest enemy. Their potential for self-destruction has long been well known, but as war approaches, the nobility in them will fight against me. They will sacrifice themselves to save the very races that would cause their destruction. I can only pray that they will see that what I do, I do to save us all.

KAMIC RIDER
MARIKA